



**COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE  
CASA APPLICATION  
CHILDREN'S COURT  
Albuquerque, New Mexico  
(505) 841-7388**

**PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE**

TODAY'S DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE: \_\_\_\_\_ (must be 21)

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ SEX: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL : \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT IS YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND? \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

PRESENT OCCUPATION: \_\_\_\_\_

GIVE A BRIEF OUTLINE OF YOUR WORK EXPERIENCE. \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ MARITAL STATUS: \_\_\_\_\_

IF MARRIED, DOES YOUR SPOUSE ENDORSE YOUR VOLUNTEERING? \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU HAVE ANY CHILDREN? \_\_\_\_\_ IF YES, HOW MANY? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT IS YOUR EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH CHILDREN? \_\_\_\_\_

HOW LONG HAVE YOU RESIDED IN THE ALBUQUERQUE AREA? \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE LIST ANY PREVIOUS VOLUNTEER WORK YOU HAVE DONE AND/OR ANY  
ORGANIZATIONS YOU ARE CURRENTLY AFFILIATED WITH: \_\_\_\_\_

HAVE YOU TAKEN ANY SPECIAL COURSES CONCERNING CHILDREN? \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU HAVE ANY SPECIAL SKILLS OR LICENSES? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT LANGUAGES DO YOU SPEAK OTHER THAN ENGLISH? \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU HAVE A CAR AVAILABLE TO YOU? \_\_\_\_\_ DO YOU HAVE INSURANCE? \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU PREFER ANY PARTICULAR AGE GROUP OR TYPE OF CLIENT? \_\_\_\_\_

HOW WERE YOU MADE AWARE OF THIS PROGRAM? \_\_\_\_\_

WHY ARE YOU VOLUNTEERING FOR THIS PROGRAM? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT DO YOU FEEL YOU CAN PERSONALLY GAIN FROM THIS TYPE OF PROGRAM? \_\_\_\_\_

HOW DO YOU FEEL THAT YOU COULD BE EFFECTIVE AS A VOLUNTEER? \_\_\_\_\_

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ARRESTED, OTHER THAN TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS? \_\_\_\_\_

(If yes, please explain on a separate sheet of paper.)

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, WHO CAN WE NOTIFY? \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAMES, ADDRESSES, ZIP CODES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THREE PERSONS NOT RELATED TO YOU WHO WOULD BE FAMILIAR WITH YOUR CHARACTER:

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
name address city/state zip code  
phone
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
name address city/state zip code  
phone
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
name address city/state zip code  
phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Volunteer screening policy: Written application, References, Criminal/ motor vehicle/ child abuse Registry, Orientation, Interview, and Court visitation.

Volunteer training: 30 hrs. of initial training and 12 hours of annual in-service training.

This volunteer application is designed to serve the same purpose as that of an employment application. The Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program reserves the right to make any checks or inquiries deemed appropriate and necessary on the suitability of any new volunteer (just as checks are made on new employees). We trust that you will understand this in the spirit intended. Any checks or inquiries will be kept in strict confidence. Please be aware our standards for volunteers are high and not all people who apply will necessarily be accepted. Although volunteer service in Children's Court is not for everyone, one should not be discouraged for there are many other programs that may be more suitable to a volunteer's particular background, skills and interests.

Applicants with felony or misdemeanors involving sex offenses, child abuse or neglect or related acts that pose risk to children or the CASA program's credibility are not accepted as CASA volunteers.

Please return completed application to:

**CASA PROGRAM  
Juvenile Justice Center  
5100 2nd Street NW**

**Albuquerque, New Mexico 87107**

## HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT?

1. Child abuse and neglect occur rarely.

True\_\_\_\_\_ False\_\_\_\_\_

2. Neglect and abuse occur at about the same frequency.

True\_\_\_\_\_ False\_\_\_\_\_

3. Many neglected or abused children become neglectful or abusive parents themselves.

True\_\_\_\_\_ False\_\_\_\_\_

4. There is one right way to be a parent and failure to follow this way is abuse or neglect.

True\_\_\_\_\_ False\_\_\_\_\_

5. The difference between abuse and neglect is that abuse represents an action against a child while neglect represents a lack of action for the child.

True\_\_\_\_\_ False\_\_\_\_\_

6. Abuse may be directed toward only one child in a family

True\_\_\_\_\_ False\_\_\_\_\_

7. Neglect is most apt to involve children from infancy to 6 years of age.

True\_\_\_\_\_ False\_\_\_\_\_

8. Most abusive and neglectful parents suffer from severe mental illness.

True\_\_\_\_\_ False\_\_\_\_\_